

Natural Resources. State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing no further general debate, and that H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments designated in section 2 of the resolution which may be offered only in the order designated, may be offered only by the Member designated or a designee (except that if no Member offers the amendment designated in paragraph 3 of section 2, then that amendment shall nevertheless be considered as pending at that point), shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.

The rule makes in order three amendments in the nature of a substitute that are: (1) an amendment to be offered by Representative Payne of New Jersey, or a designee (2) an amendment to be offered by Representative Orton of Utah, or a designee and (3) an amendment to be offered by Representative Sabo of Minnesota, or which may be offered by any Member, or which shall be considered as pending. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments designated in section 2.

The rule provides that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides that after the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, there will be 40 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except amendments offered by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to achieve mathematical consistency. The concurrent resolution will not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that if H. Con. Res. 178 is agreed to allocations of spending and credit responsibilities in House Report 104-575 shall be considered as the allocations otherwise required by section 602(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. However, upon adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget, this shall cease to apply. Finally, the rule provides that rule XLIX (establish-

ment of statutory limit on the public debt) shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich; and Representatives Sabo, Stenholm, Orton, Meek of Florida, Owens, and Sanders.

MINIMUM WAGE AND ENTRY-LEVEL EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on small businesses and entry-level employment opportunities, with emphasis on the minimum wage and other proposals for increasing entry-level employment opportunities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL SATELLITES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Small Satellites. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the New Independent States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the United States Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of State, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA's Mission to Planet Earth program, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 621, to designate the Great Western Trail for potential addition to the National Trail System, H.R. 531, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act, S. 1049, to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail, S. 1706, to increase the

amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation with respect to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia, and S. 1725, to create a third category of long-distance trails to be known as national discovery trails and to authorize the American Discovery Trail as the first national discovery trail, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine commercial diplomacy for a changing international business environment, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1488, to convert certain excepted service positions in U.S. Fire Administration to competitive service positions, S. 88, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act, S. 94, Prohibition on the Consideration of Retroactive Tax Increases, S. 1376, Corporate Study, Review, Reform and Termination Act, S. 1130, Accounting Standardization Act, S. 356, Language of Government Act, S. 1018, Private Relief for Clarence P. Stewart, and H.R. 2739, House of Representatives Administrative Reform, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the healthy start demonstration project, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E816 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, to continue joint hearings to consider issues raised by a recently released study of trading practices and procedures on the National Cheese Exchange, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and on Consolidated Departmental Management; and on Consolidated Inspectors General, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to mark up H.R. 3399, to authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the 10th replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association, to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the fifth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Bank, to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for a United States contribution to the interest subsidy account of the successor (ESAF II) to the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility of the International Monetary

Fund, and to provide for the establishment of the Middle East Development Bank, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 2740, Fan Freedom and Community Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on Senior Executive Branch Officials Compliance with Federal Travel Guidelines, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on the Impact of Regulations on Employment, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Mismanagement and Waste at the White House Communications Agency, 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, hearing and markup of the Fiscal Year 1997 FEC Authorization, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on the Impact of MFN for China on U.S.-China Economic Relations, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding projected increases in legal immigration, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: H.J. Res. 70, authorizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. in the District of Columbia or its environs; H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act; and H.R. 848, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 3144, Defend America Act of 1996; H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury; and H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on proposed amendments to the Metric System Conversion Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization Transportation Finance in an Era of Scarce Resources: the Highway Trust Fund, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.